

# **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

## **STAFF NOTE**

### **Action/Consent Item:**

Kentucky Writing Program Advisory Committee Membership

### **Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS 158.770, KRS 158.775

### **Action Question:**

Should the Kentucky Board of Education approve the recommendation for the 2006 appointment to the Kentucky Writing Program Advisory Committee?

### **History/Background:**

***Existing Policy.*** According to KRS 158.770, the Kentucky Board of Education shall appoint the members of an advisory committee on writing to make recommendations to the board on methods of integrating writing into the curriculum, on teacher training programs and workshops designed to facilitate the effective teaching of writing, and on use of funds allotted for teacher professional development and school grants through the Kentucky Writing Program. The majority of the membership shall be educators currently employed by local school districts or public universities.

The Writing Advisory Committee (WAC), the Kentucky Writing Project State Network, and the Scoring Accuracy Assurance Team members nominate committee members. Because the Kentucky Writing Program incorporates various platforms for the delivery of professional development, it is important that all platforms be represented on the Writing Program Advisory Committee (WPAC). It is also essential that committee members understand the necessity of writing professional development and the components of research-based professional development in the field of writing.

Due to the death of Tim Miller, WPAC member and teacher in the Raceland School District, it is necessary for the Kentucky Board of Education to approve a member to represent the northeastern area of Kentucky.

- Ms. Brianna Adams was nominated by the Writing Advisory Committee and the Scoring Accuracy Assurance Team. Ms. Adams has served Prichard Elementary as a fourth grade teacher and a member of the school council. She has also served as a professional development provider in Carter County. Ms. Adams has received recognition as the 2002 Carter County Educator of the Year and the 2002 National Council for Teachers of English Leadership Award.

Below is a chart reflecting the existing membership of the Committee plus the one proposed appointment.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Year Appointed</b>
Barbara McGinty	retired administrator – McCracken County Schools	2005
L'Tonya Crawford	Teacher – Monroe Co. Middle School	2003
Dottie Willis	Writing Coordinator - JCPS Gheens	2003
Gary McCormick	English Teacher – Ludlow High School (Ludlow Independent)	2003
Sandy Adams	Teacher – Brookside Elementary (Jessamine Co.)	2005
Rhonda Orttenburger	Teacher – Kit Carson Elementary (Madison Co.)	2004
Brianna Adams	Teacher – Prichard Elementary (Carter Co.)	2006
Brenda Maynard	Ins. Supervisor – Pike County Schools	2004
Jean Hicks Nancy Peterson	University Writing Project (WPN) Network Coordinators	- - - -

*All serving four-year terms, WPN Coordinator is elected annually*

**Staff Recommendation(s) and Rationale(s):**

Staff recommends appointment of Brianna Adams to the WPAC. Advisory groups and instructional partners offered nominations for these vacancies. The proposed member has expertise in the areas of writing instruction and/or professional development. With the approval of this new member, the composition of the Writing Program Advisory Committee will continue to represent all areas of the state and all levels of education (elementary, middle, secondary, and post-secondary) in addition to representing racial and gender diversity.

**Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:**

Staff has consulted the Writing Advisory Committee, the Scoring Accuracy Assurance Teams, and current university writing project directors. The nominee is supported by all groups.

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